

Troopers Investigating Robbery of Lyft Driver – New Castle

New Castle – The Delaware State Police are investigating the robbery of a Lyft driver that took place Thursday morning.

The incident occurred at approximately 9:45 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 2019 when a Lyft driver received a text message via the Lyft app to pick up a subject in the Penn Mart Shopping Center, located at 101 E. Basin Rd., New Castle. The female driver made contact with a male subject who confirmed that he requested the ride, at which time he entered into the rear seat of the vehicle. The driver proceeded to the requested destination and after turning on to W. Commons Blvd from E. Basin Rd., the subject asked her to pull over, advising that he would walk the rest of the way. After pulling onto the shoulder the vehicle came to a stop, at which time the subject placed a sharp object to the driver's neck and proceeded to rifle through her purse. After removing an undisclosed amount of cash from the purse the subject fled on foot in an unknown direction. The victim was not injured as a result of the incident.

The suspect was described as a black male, 30-35 years of age, wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt and sunglasses.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Decowski at Troop 2 by calling 302-834-2620.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

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assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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